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Hong Kong Livestock and Products Hong Kong Market is Open to U.S. Poultry 2004

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Report Highlights:

The Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced that it would resume processing of applications for poultry products from the United States, except Texas with immediate effect.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Hong Kong [HK1] [HK] The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced on April 30 that it would resume processing of applications for poultry products from the United States, except Texas, with immediate effect. The Hong Kong government will accept shipments on board from the United States on or after April 30, 2004. All supporting FSIS certificates have to be issued on or after April 30, 2004 as well.

Shipments of poultry meat products must be accompanied by a FSIS letterhead certificate providing food safety assurances and date of slaughter, which has to be on or after April 30, in addition to the FSIS health certificate 9060-5.

For the exportation of U.S. chicken feet products to Hong Kong, exporters are advised to use the existing FSIS health certificate 9060-5. The new FSIS letterhead certificate is not required.

The Hong Kong government will hold and test the first three consignments of poultry meat from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland for testing.

Discussions will continue with the Hong Kong government to ensure the access for Texas poultry producers.